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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

**In The Abstract**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A connecting device for providing an optical connection between an apparatus comprising a apparatus port and provided for receiving and/or